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ABSTRACT

This First Secort covers the studies and investigations on the SECRET Communication of the Secord reflectance and absorption characteristics of camouflage paint materials and natural objects in the spectral region between 0.4 and 15.0 microns.

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The report discusses the development of an instrument for the spectral reflectance measurements and presents spectral reflectance data of both camouflage paint materials and natural backgrounds. It is shown that a considerable degree of perfection was achieved in the instrumentation and the method for the measurement of the "total diffuse" infrared reflectance of camouflage materials.

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A special study was also conducted on sulfur to determine its suitability as a reflectance standard in the infrared.

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The effect of pigment particle shape on the water absorption of a paint and the resultant effect on the paint's infrared reflectance was studied and the results are shown by spectrophotometric curves. The hiding power of selected pigments and paints was studied as a function of wavelength.

The report concludes that: UNCLASSIFIED

a) A satisfactory instrument together with a method has been developed for the measurement and evaluation of the infrared reflectance of camouflage materials.

b) A form of sulfur has been found as a suitable standard for comparing its infrared reflectance with that of diffusely reflecting camouflage materials. This sulfur may be described as a 'inely divided form containing



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- c) The water penetration of camouflage paints of the alkyd and emulsion types is dependent upon the pigment selection and the particle shape of the pigment.
- d) Generally the spheroidal, hexagonal or platy pigments showed higher resistance to water penetration than the accoular or cubical shapes.
- e) The effect of water immersion of 4 to 24 hrs. had very little effect on the reflection spectrum of alkyd resin and of acrylic resin emulsion paints. Only slight lowering in reflectance was noted after 72 hrs. of immersion.
- f) The hiding power of the camouflage paints and pigments tested is definitely a function of wavelength and must be considered for camouflage purposes in the infrared to 15 microns.
- g) No colored paint tested accomplished complete hiding when applied in approximately 1 mil dry film thickness on a highly reflecting aluminum surface and tested in all wavelengths to 15 microns.
- h) Very low reflectance in the infrared region, especially beyond 3.0 microns, can be achieved by applying camouflage paints over a black primer which will approach the low reflecting characteristics of most background materials beyond 3.0 or 4.0 microns.

#### It is recommended that:

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  a) The information contained in the reports of this contract be used

  as a basis for camouf age purposes in the infrared region of the spectrum.
- b) Consideration be given to a two-coat system, where applicant, to utilize the transparency in the infrared of the outer camouflage coating.
- c) Primer materials be utilized which combine good rust inhibiting qualities with the desired infrared reflecting characteristics.

# CONFIDENTIAL PURPOSE AND SCOPE



SECRET CONTROLL IS concerned with

1. The development of suitable instrumentation for the measurement of the reflectance and absorption characteristics of camouflage paint materials and of certain groups of natural materials generally considered as background to camouflage paint applications, in the spectral region between 0.4 and 15 microns. A study not provided in the original program was found to be necessary; that is, determination of a reliable standard for the infrared reflectance of diffusely reflecting surfaces.

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2. The study of a selected group of natural background materials such as certain leaves, barks, grasses, sands and soils. The spectra obtained are compared with those of paints and pigments obtained in later paragraphs of the studies.

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3. The comparison of the changes in the reflectance spectra of camouflage paints caused by a change in the particle shape of the pigmentation, by exposure of the paint to water, and by the re-drying of the paints. In some selected instances, the water immersion was supplemented by salt water immersion.

4. The study of a group of eight pigments and paints with reference to the relation between their hiding power (in the visible range) and their reflectance characteristics to 15 microns. The hiding power was therefore determined, to 15 microns for each of these paints, as the ratio between their reflectance on black and on polished aluminum.

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Based on the results of this investigation it has been possible to present a group of conclusions and recommendations for the application and further development of the findings of this work.





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The scope of the investigation was extensive, and it required great effort and enthusiasm on the part of each one connected with the work for its completion. The project was under the direction of Dr. Max Kronstein, Research Associate. The instrumental development and its application was done by Mr. Robert J. Kraushaar, Research Assistant. The preparation of the test samples and the supervision of the work on the Beckman Spectrometer was in the hand of Mr. Robert Roper, who was assisted by Mr. Max Rehfeld. The work of assembling the date and the preparation of the reports was done by Mrs. Marion Ward Kronstein. UNCLASSIFIED

The group wishes to express their sincere appreciation at this time to Mr. Robert E. Deecle, Project Advisor, for his continued cooperation and counsel throughout the many phases of the development.

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For assistance in the instrumental development, we wish to thank also Mr. A. R. Dennett of The Eppley Laboratory, Inc., manufacturer of the Golay Detectors used on the project; and Mr. Paul A. Wilks and the engineer group of The Perkin-Fluer Corporation, manufacturer of the Model 12-C and Model 112 Spectrometers which were used on the project.

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We wish to thank those who assisted in special aspects of the work as they arose; namely, Mr. Fred A. Behr of North American Philips Company, Inc. for his experimental assistance in the x-ray diffraction studies of sulfur, and Mr. James A. Amick of the R.C.A.Laboratories in Princeton, New Jersey for his assistance on the same problem.

In conclusion, the group expresses the hope that the results will be found to be of practical use for the problems for which the work has been undertaken:

#### III. FACTUAL DATA AND OBSERVATIONS

UN LASSIFIED 1. INSTRUMENTATION UNCLASSIFIED

A. DEVELOPMENT OF AN INSTRUMENT FOR SPECTRAL REFLECTANCE MEASUREMENTS.
B. STATE WIT OF THE PROBLEM.

attach; was developed for use on a single beam Perkin-Elmer Infrared Spectro ster whereby a system of mirrors directed the beam from the exit slit of the monochromator through an entrance hole of a Coblentz Hemisphere to the lest sample. Here that beem of known vavelength positions was used for the illumination of a test sample mounted in the hemisphere; and with a Golay Potector the total diffuse reflectance of the sample under the illumination by the beam of known wavelength was measured. The Golay Detector was connected with the recorder of the Perkin-Elmer instrument and an instrument chart reading was thus obtained.

In order to compere the infalling illuminating energy with the total effected energy and in order to calculate accordingly the percent reflectance at each wavelength, the detector was modified in a manner to per it its movement alternately with the position of the sample. Hereby two rves were obtained: first the Golay Detector was set into the position of the specimen and the spectrum curve of the illuminating beam was determined; the detector was then moved to its alternate position, which is the same distance as the sample from the center of the hemisphere, and the reflected energy of the test sample was determined on the recorder chart.

Certain correction factors were applied in the evaluation of the ratio between the two charts, point by point, which took into consideration certain errors which prevailed in that test set-up.

The aspects of that earlier instrumentation which required im-

provement are noted below:

- 1) The illuminating beam passed through an air space from the spectrometer to the hemisphere.
- 2) The illuminated area on the test sample was slit-shaped, while the window of the receiving Golay Detector was round.
- 3) The sample table, as well as the detector, was not sufficiently rigid.

  This caused a higher noise level than was desirable in the readings.
  - 4) The spectrometer was not mounted as rigidly as was desirable.
- 5) The Golay Detector required a number of dry batteries as well as a wet battery. This resulted in variation in energy, due to the decay of the batteries, during a working day and caused a continuous drift of the zero line in the charts.
- 6) All correction factors had been based on the comparison with the reflectance of a first surface modium mirror as standard. It was felt that the reflection from a flat first surface mirror was much more unidirectional at the wavelengths under consideration than that from irregular surfaces such as those of pigment powders, pigmented paints, sands, leaves and barks of trees. Therefore, it was necessary to find a more suitable standard which reflects diffusely in a manner more nearly like that of the samples which were to be compared. Such a standard was necessary to minimize errors which would be caused by large differences between the gonicmetric properties of the standard and those of the samples.

#### b. NEW DEVELOPMENT

Work was undertaken to correct these aspects of the earlier set-up.

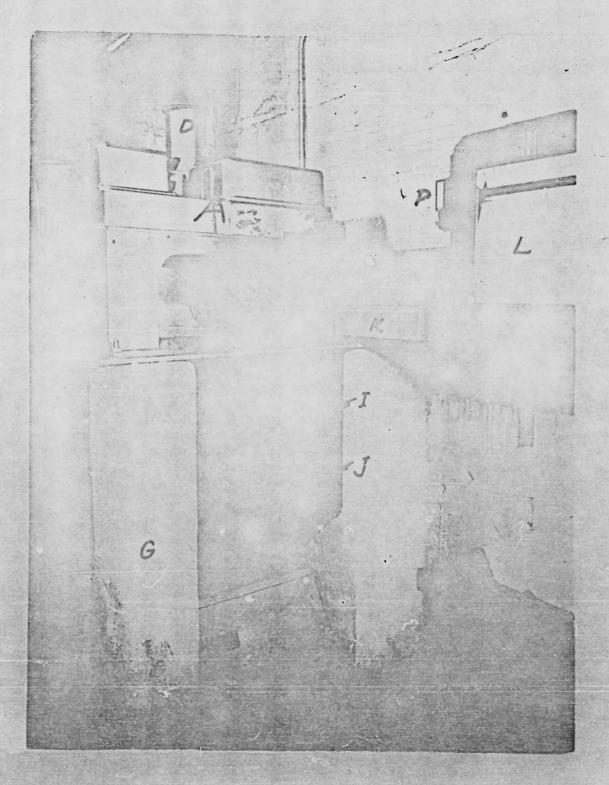
A new reflectance attachment was built of heavy steel and screwed
onto the spectrometer in such a manner that the nitrogen filling the spectro-

meter filled the reflectance attachment also. (Figure 35, Second Technical Report). In this manner readings were made under nitrogen. The spectrometer itself was bolted to a heavy steel base-plate which was mounted solidly on a footing of cement building blocks. (Figures 57 and 58 on pages 8 and 9).

A new Golay Detector was obtained having a window the same shape as the slit in the hemisphere. (Figure 34, Second Technical Report).

A new model amplifier for the Golay Detector, which required a wet battery only, was obtained. Hereby, two wet batteries were used in rotation, with one battery being recharged while the other was in use. The strength of the signal of the Golay Detector was tested after each run, and it was determined that no error was introduced due to the drop in voltage as a function of time. Furthermore the background, or the spectrum of the infalling illuminating beam, is determined for a limited wavelength range of a few microns only. Then the reflection spectrum is determined for the same wavelength range. The procedure is repeated for the next ranges, a few microns at a time, until the entire range of 15 microns has been covered. In this manner the zero drift, due to battery life decay, was largely eliminated.

Certain types of sulfur have been studied and evaluated as a standard for diffusely reflecting materials. This research group feels that the question of the standard to be used in the evaluation of the ratios is of much greater importance than had generally been assumed, and that the use of the rhodium mirror in the determination of the calculation factor will cause figures which are too low when applied to diffusely reflecting materials. The use of sulfur as a standard is discussed in detail in this report on pages 18 ff.

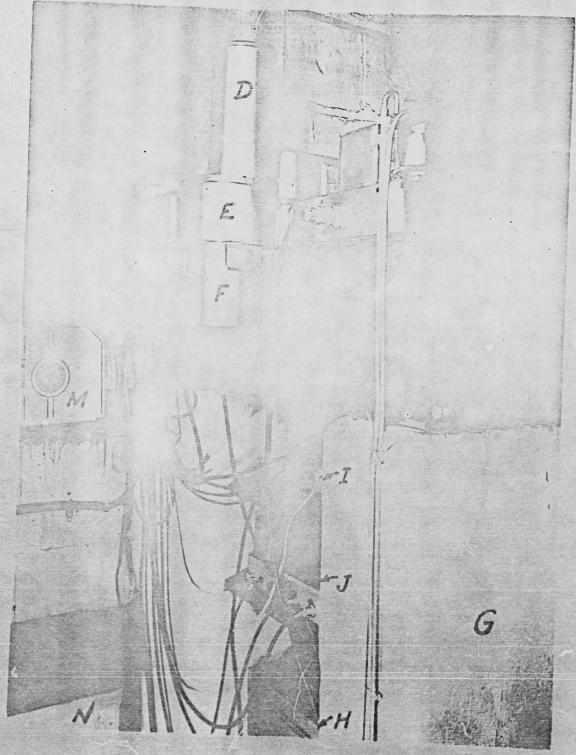


#### FIGURE 57

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A - Spectrometer
B - Light source
D - Reflection/mirror system housing
G - Concrete foundation
H - Power supply

J - Amplifier for detector
K - Control panel
L - Recorder
O - Chopper
P - Hydrometer/thermometer



#### FIGURE 58

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- A Spectrometer
  B Light source
  C Location of exit beam
  D Reflection/mirror system housing
  E Hemisphere cosing
  F Detector housing

- H Power supply

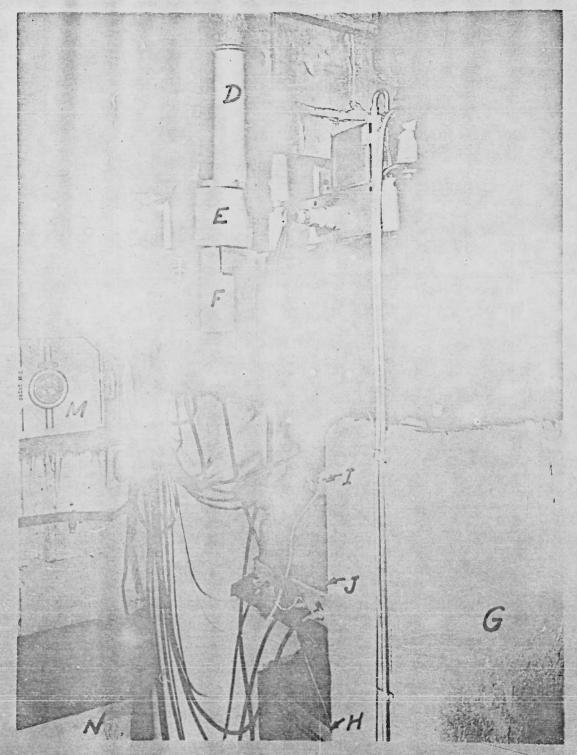
  1 Amplifier for spectrometer

  J Amplifier for detector

  M Battery charger

  N Battery box

  Q Tubban



#### FIGURE 58

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A - Spectrometer
B - Light source
C - Location of exit beam
D - Reflection/mirror system housing
E - Hemisphera casing
F - Detector housing
G - Concrete foundation

H - Power supply
I - Amplifier for spectrometer
J - Amplifier for detector
M - Battery charger
N - Battery box
Q - Tubing for nitrogen

During the course of the contract work it become necessary, due to an accident, to replace the Model 12-C single beam, angle pass spectrometer,—with the approval of the sponsor,—with the Model 112 single beam, double pass Perkin-Elmer Spectrometer. The comparative specification for these two instruments are given in TABLE 50, page 11.

With this new model, the operation of the two choppers required for the monochromator and for the Golay Detector was improved by having the axle which operated the chopper of the monochromator extended and attaching the chopper of the Golay Detector on the same axle.

Much greater energy in the source of radiation as obtained by the effective use of the Stupakoff Glover instead of the Glover. In earlier work the Glover had had an average "life" of only 20 hrs. and about 2 ignitions. This was appreciably lower than the rated 100 hrs for this device.

Tests were made which showed the cause of the failure of the Glovers to be thermal shock at the connection points of the glover. To alleviate this, a Variac was placed in the electrical circuit and used in the following manner:

- 1) The Variac was set to apply approx. 50 volts across the transformer.
- 2) A gas torch was applied to the Glower element until a light orange color was observed.
- 3) The Variac voltage was increased slowly until the Glower burned without benefit of the gas torch.
- 4) The Variac voltage was increased, in 5 volt increments over a Fi min. period until 110 volts were applied to the transformer.

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PRINCIPLE

MCUEL 12-C Module ed single beam.

- MODEL 112 Modulated single beam.

MONOCHROMAT

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Double pass, Littrow mounting, 27 cm focel length, effective aperture f/4.5, prism face 60 x 75 mm, effective prism base 300 mm (4 traversals).

SCANNING S

8 min. to 4 hrs for rock salt region. (average time-16 rtm.) Automatic speed chin. wavelength drive. Average is 22 min. for NaCl region. The normal speeds are 1, 2, and 4 min. per revolution of the wavelength drum. Change gears mounted on the back panel of the drive may be used to multiply these speeds by factors of 2, 4, ½ or ½.

ESPONSE TIME

2, 4, 8 or 16 sec., 90 percent response.

2, 4, 8 and 12 sec., 90 percent response.

RESOLUTION

1.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> at 10 M (rock salt prism)

Better than 1 cm<sup>-1</sup> at 850 cm<sup>-1</sup> (NaCl).

WAVELENGTH REPRODUCIBILINY 0.003 M.

0.01 microns at 2 microns;0.003 microns at 15 microns with NaCl optics.

STRAY RADIATION

Less than 5 percent at 154 ith grating filter.

(SCATTERED RADIATION):Less than 0.1 percent throughout its range.

TRANSMITTANCE ACCURACY 1.25 percent

0.2 percent

TRANSMITTANCE REPRODUCIBILITY

1.25 percent

0.2 percent

- 5) Operation was then continued normally until completion of the tests.
- 6) To extinguish the Glower, the Veriac voltage was lowered gradually until the Glower was of such a color/temperature that the current was insufficient to maintain the temperature. This generally occurred at about 40 volts across the transformer, and the time required was approximately 5 min.

Using this procedure the following operational results were obtained: Clower #1 operated approx. 130 hrs and ignited approx. 20 times; Clower #2 operated approx. 220 hrs. and ignited approx. 35 times. Glower #2 was still in good condition at the end of the tests. The electric circuit and the mounting of the Stupakoff Glower are shown in FIGURE 59 on page 13.

With this source of greater energy it was possible to use the spectrometer over a wider effective range. Also the new model Golay Detector had a wider effective range of sensitivity than the earlier Golay Detector. The manufacturer specifies that the detector has "uniform sensitivity from the ultraviolet through the visible and the infrared to the micro-wave region". The improvement of the slit-width in operation is shown in TABLE 51, page 14. The resolution of the instrument is shown in TABLE 52, page 15.

With these improved conditions it was possible to make measurements from about 0.7 to 15 microns without the change in prisms which had caused difficulties in operation in the work of the earlier contract.

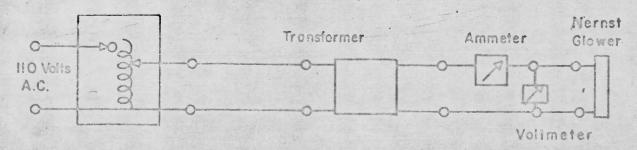
The calculation of the drum resdings into microns is shown in TABLE 53.

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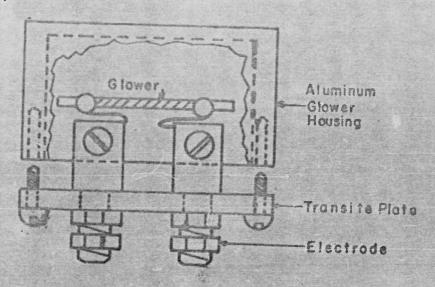
In looking sheed to possible further improvements it might be noted that the instrument might be easier to operate with the new constant energy drive system which Perkin-Elmer Corporation has brought to the market. This came too late to be included in the experimental work of the contract.

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Fig. 59.



ELECTRIC CIRCUIT OF STUPAKOFF GLOVER



MOUNTING OF THE STUPAEOFF CLOWER

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TABLE 51. SLIT WIDTHS USED WITH THE INSTRUMENTS

OPERATING WITH MODEL 12-C ( SINGLE PASS) WITH MODEL 112( DOUBLE PASS) AND WITH STUPAKOFF GLOWER

	WITH STUPAKOFF GLOWER					
WAVELENG TH MICRONS	EARLIER DEVE- LOPMENT: SLIT.MICRONS	I.MODEL OF THIS CONTRACT SLIT:MICRONS	WAVELENGTH- RANGE: MICPONS	FINAL MODEL: SLIT:MICRONS		
0.5		200		***		
0,6			0.545 - 0.6 0.600 - 0.7	200 ·		
0.7	The state was also also gas again	100	0.7 - 0.85	90		
0.8	time time and only man can appe	60	0.85 - 0.9	55		
0.9	. The second state was the same take the		0.9 - 1.02	35		
1.0	were that then also state upp have then also	55	1.02 - 2.4	25		
1.5	35	18				
2.0	35.	18	2.4 - 2.9	25		
3.0	35	18	2.9 - 4.0	29		
4.0	65	23	4.0 - 4.5	38		
5.0	90	55	4.5 - 5.5	49		
6.0	250	72	5.5 - 6.45	70		
7.0	350	94				
8.0	350	130	6.45 - 7.95	90		
9.0	600	175	7.95 - 9.7	130		
10.0	900	175		200		
11.0	900	240	9.7 -12.6	200		
12.0	1400	330		200		
13.0	2000	550	12.6 - 13.7	400		
14.0	2000		13.7 - 14.4	650		
15.0	2000		14.4 - 15.0			
			17.0	. 1400		

TABLE 52. UNCLASSIFIED COMPARISON OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE INSTRUMENTS

WAVELENGTH (MICRONS)	BAND PASS OF THE SPECTROMETERS  MODEL 12 C MODEL 112 T			
(WICHUND)	MICRONS	ANGSTROMS	MICRONS	ANGSTROMS
1.0			0.00038	3.8
1.5	0.00895	89.5		
2.0	0.01625	162.5	0.0030	30.0
3.0	0.0260	260	0.00498	49.8
4.0	0.0,20	520	0.00615	61.5
5.0	0.0630	630	0.00625	62.5
6.0	0.1190	1190	0.0062	62.0
7.0	0.1243	1243	0.00624	62.4
8.0	0.1020	1020	0.00635	63.5
9.0	0.1365	1365	0.0054	64.0
10.0	0.1720	1720	0.0072	72.0
11.0	0.1540	154.0	0.0092	92.0
12.0	0.2195	2195	0.0130	130.0
13.0	0.2692	2692	0.0128	128.0
14.0	0.2490	2490	0.0212	212.0
15.0	0.2289	2289	0.0217	217.0

The Band Pass A.A. was calculated using the following equation taken from the Instruction Manual for the Perkin Elmer Infrared Equipment Vol. I FIG 8B:

Δλ = Δλρ. + Δλο+ × S1. + ω, 21. / ω. 1.

Hereby is  $\triangle A$  the prismatic resolution for infinitely narrow slits and  $\triangle A$ . The incremental resolution for 0.1 MM slit width (Half energy spectral slit width)

The slit width used for the different wavelength ranges is given in TABLE 51, on page 14 of this report.

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TABLE 53.

## CALIBRATION OF THE PERKIN-ELMER MODEL 112 SPECTROMETER AT THE END OF WORK

DRUM	WAVELENGTH	DRUM	WAVELENGTH	DRUM	WAVELENGTH
READING	(MICRONS)	READING	(MICRONS)	READING	(MICRONS)
2480	0.412	2010	0.940	1540	7.55
2470	0.433	2000	0.975	1530	7.65
2460	0.446	1990	1.005	1520	7.75
2450	0.457	1980	1.050	1510	7.85
2440	0.465	1970	1.095	1500	7.95
2430	0.473	1960	1.140	1490	8.05
2/,20	0.480	1950	1.200	1480	8.15
2410	0.486	1940	1.285	1470	8.25
2400	0.492	1930	1.360	1460	8.35
2390	0.497	1920	1.450	1450	8.40
2380	0.501	1910	1.560	1440	8.50
2370	0.506	1900	1.690	1430	8.60
2360 .	0.511	1890	1.860	1420	8.70
2350	0.516	1880	2.040	1410	8.75
2340	0.520	1870	2.210	1400	8.85
2330	0.524	1860	2.420	1390	8.95
2320	0.529	1850	2.670	1380	9.00
2310	0.537	1840	2.870	1370	9.10
2300	0.545	1830	3.020	1360	9.15
2290	0.553	1820	3.210	1350	9.25
2280	0.560	1810	3.620	1340	9.35
2270	0.566	1800	4.01	1330	9.40
2260	0.572	1790	4.05	1320	9.50
2250	0.578	1780	4.18	1310	9.60
2240	0.583	1770	4.30	1300	9.70
2230	0.588	1760	4.50	1290	9.80
2220	0.593	1750	4.70	1280	9.85
2210	0.597	1740	4.95	1270	9.95
2200	0.601	1730	5.10	1260	10.00
2190	0.605	1720	5.25	1250	10.10
2180	0.609	1710	5.38	12/,0	10.20
2170	0.612	1700	5.50	1230	10.30
2160	0.616	1690	5.63	1220	10.40
2150	0.619	1680	5.78	1210	10.45
2140	0.621	1670	5.93	1200	10.50
2130	0.624	1660	6.05	1190	10.60
2120	0.680	1650	6.20	1180	10.70
2110	0.710	1640	6.33	1170	10.75
2100	0.725	1630	6.45	1160	10.80
2090	0.740	1620	6.58	1150	10.90
2080	0.760	1610	6.68	1140	11.00
2070	0.780	1600	6.80	1130	11.10
2060	0.800	1590	6.93	1120	11.15
2050	0.820	1580	7.05	1110	11.25
2040	0.845	1570	7.18	1100	11.30
2030	0.870	1560	7.25	1090	11.40
2020	0.900	1550	7.33	1080	11.45
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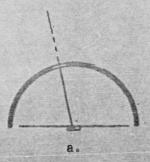
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740 730 720 710 700 690	13.55 13.60 13.65 13.70 13.75 13.80			

B. A STANDARD FOR DIFFUSELY REFLECTING SURFACES. UNCLASSIFIED
B. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The instrumental procedure produces two instrumental curves on the recorder. One is for the infalling or illuminating beam which impinges on the Golay Detector and the other for the radiation reflected from the sample. Hereby, the detector window first is in position to receive the infalling beam; the position of the detector in the hemisphere is then rotated in such a manner that the sample attached to the detector receives the infalling beam, at the same angle, and the detector window collects the reflected radiation. (See Figure 60 below and Figures 34 and 35 in the Second Technical Report.) It is therefore possible to determine by calculation the ratio between these two curves for all wavelengths.

But in view of the limitations inherent in the use of the Coblentz Hemisphere in collecting what is expected to be the "total diffuse reflectance", it is necessary to compere the measured reflectance with a known standard of reflectance. In this manner a correction factor is established.



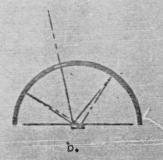


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- a. Detector in position to receive the infalling beam.
- b. Detector in position to receive the reflected beam from the sample or the standard.

for this particular set-up, by which the "total diffuse reflectance" may be calculated from the measured reflectance. The problem of the instrumental limitations have been discussed in the Second Technical Report, page 9 ff, and the question of errors has also been discussed on page 52 of the same report.

Therefore, it was necessary to provide for means of calculating from these ratio values the data which can be assumed to be the true percentual reflectance values of any given test specimen at the various wavelengths. This requires the determination of a "correction factor" for each wavelength based on the instrumental limitations as well as the difference between specularly reflecting surfaces and diffusely reflecting surfaces.

In the visible and very near-infrared range it has been the practice to compare the specular reflectance of a specimen with that of a rhodium mirror and to compare the diffuse reflectance of a specimen with the reflectance of freshly smoked magnesium oxide. At longer infrared wavelengths the use of magnesium oxide was not practical because of its low reflectance beyond approx. 2.7 microns. It was necessary, therefore, to find a different material which would provide a usable degree of constant and sufficiently high infrared reflectance in the range of the determinations which were in the scope of this project.

b. STUDY OF SULFUR AS INFRARED REFLECTANCE STANDARD.

In the Fall of 1953, Agnew (1) pointed out this need for a diffuse reflectence standard for comparative measurements. He postulated that, for a radiation incident to the normal at an angle i, an ideal diffusely reflecting substance would approach a circular distribution of reflected

(1) Agnew, J.T. and McQuistan, R.B., JOSA, Vol. 43, p.999 (November 1953).

energy according to the relation:

## Icos = Io cosi cosj

where the angle between the line of observation and the normal to the surface is j.

He made some measurements using for the angle 1 the constant engle of 45° and verying the angle j from 475° to -70°, except the range - from 40° to 50%. Some metallics were studied, such as finely divided aluminum ( up to 100-mesh), brase and small tin pellets. They were found to be more desirable than sandblested aluminum, which has been considered under this current project. Some semi-metallics were studied, such as germanium powder, dark powder of lead (up to 100-mesh), lead oxide, selmium and tellurium. Of these the selenium appeared to be the most promising. Of the non-metallios, powdered sodium chloride, powdered glass and finely divided sulfur were tested. Of these, sulfur and sodium chloride had the most promising characteristics. Agnew concluded that the chemical nature and crystal structure have a pronounced effect bn the diffuse reflectance characteristics of a given substance, even of the powdered materials; and he suggested that for further investigation the use of combinations of materials such as a layer of sulfur backed by a flat, highly reflecting surface such as polished aluminum should be studied.

In our current project a non-metallic standard appeared to be the most desirable one because of the non-metallic nature of the materials to be studied. Of the non-metallic materials it appeared most suitable to use a material which would not depend on its individual preparation, such as powdering, for its constant behavior. As a standard, it was desirable to

use a material which, under comparable conditions, would produce the same reflectance when applied at different times and by different operators. If variations of any important order should occur, it would be necessary to know the cause of these variations and how to avoid them.

Under the current contract the use of sulfur as a diffusely reflecting standard was investigated further. It was soon observed that two types
of finely powdered sulfur had completely different reflectance characteristics.
The Flowers of Sulfur showed desirable stability in reflectance during
preliminary tests, while the colloidal sulfur dropped in reflectance to a
considerable degree at 2.2 microns. A study was made to determine why this
difference in reflectance between the two different forms of sulfur existed.
First, three different forms of sulfur were considered. These were 1) a
natural grown crystal of mineral sulfur, 2) colloidal sulfur (Fisher, Cat.
No. S-597), and 3) sulfur flowers (Fisher, Cat. No. S-591). Of these,
only the Flowers of Sulfur appeared to provide the necessary characteristics
for a comparative reflectance standard.

The production methods of these three sulfurs were considered in an effort to better understand their behavior:

a. The sulfur crystal is the natural orthorhombic mineral having the following chemical and physical properties:

Hardness 1.5-2.5

Specific Gravity 2.05-2.09

Refractive Index 2.038

Fusible at 108°C.

Soluble in CS2

X-ray pattern shows normal symmetry.

b. The colloidal sulfur can be produced either by very fine powdering of sulfur or by chemical precipitation from certain sulfice, solutions with subsequent purification.

c. Flowers of Sulfur is produced by heating sulfur to a point of sublimation. The sulfur vapor is allowed to expand into a large chamber in an atmosphere of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen. Here it cools rapidly and condenses into fine droplets which solidify to a product known as Flowers of Sulfur.

To understand this development chemically, the following approach has been taken (2). The natural crystalline sulfur is sesumed to be the stable form of rhombic sulfur, or the Alpka sulfur. This term for the stable rhombic sulfur, which is soluble in carbon disulfide, differentiates it from the monoclinic crystalline Beta sulfur into which the Alpha sulfur changes at about 95°C. This too is soluble in carbon disulfide. If the solution is cooled below about 43°C, however, a portion of the sulfur becomes insoluble and separates as Lambda sulfur, whereby Pi sulfur remains in solution at that tamperature.

Amorphous matasulfur is a variety which is insoluble in cerbon disulfide. It is obtained by rapidly cooling very hot moltan sulfur or culfur vapor to normal temperature and by then removing the soluble varieties by extraction with carbon disulfide. At normal temperatures the metasulfur remains stable, but at about 104°C. It changes quite quickly into the monoclinic form.

If sulfur is near its melting temperature, it is assumed to be primarily in a Lambda form or the molecular weight  $S_8$  and in the molecular configuration of a ring.

(2) Tuller, W.N., "The Sulphur Date Book", McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc, New York (1954)

In heating sulfur above 160°C, this Sg ring opens up in quantity to form an open chain meterulfur, such as (3):

With rising temperature a polymerization of these open chains occurs and they reach their maximum length at about 187°C. ("viscous sulfur"). Beyond 187°C., depolymerization prevails increasingly with rising temperature until the boiling point is reached. At about 510°C. in the vapor state the value n in S<sub>n</sub> represents an average of 6; at 700°C, the value S<sub>n</sub> is S<sub>2</sub>.

The vapor phase in the production of Flowers of Sulfur consists therefore of a mixture of short open-chain sulfur (principally Sg and S6) together with Sg rings, H2S and S02. Upon condensation to the liquid phase, the open-chain fragments polymerize rapidly as in viscous sulfur. Hereby, the presence of H2S and other impurities causes chain terminating reactions with these impurities. Simultaneously another part of the substance matter crystellizes into the stable 2-membered ring of rhombic sulfur and, under the moderate temperature condition in the chamber, the long chain sulfur crystellizes into the mixed from of sulfur known as Flowers of Sulfur.

This made it understandable that the difference in infrared reflectance between colloidal or unsublined sulfur and Flowers of Sulfur was caused by a true chemical difference. Since this difference resulted from the difference in production method, that is, by the one being heated into a vapor phase during production and the other being produced either by very fine powdering of sulfur or by chemical precipitation from certain sulfide solutions with subsequent purification, it appeared desirable to include a fourth sulfur specimen in the study, whose heating procedure and recovering method might cause an even more uniformly heated sulfur than (3) Gee, G., TRANSACTIONS FARADAY SOCIETY, Vol.48, p.515-526 (1952).

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It is necessary ners to point out the meaning of the term "emorphous" spifur. Langu (4) described emorphous sulfur as a material with the formula and having a molegular weight of 32.05. Magnochinic or rhombic sulfur is given as S, with a weight of 256.48,

Maceluse (5) describes vaparized sulfur as an amorphous sulfur in a highly rotymerized from, having a molecular weight of approx. 200,000; while amorphous, insoluble sulfur is described as polydisperse, highly polymeric, straight-chain elastomers of sulfur atoms with chain endings of other elements. These may range from simple hydrogen to sulfuric acid groups, or even alkyl groups or their carbonates and related groupings. This sulfur, named R<sub>2</sub>S<sub>11</sub>, is chemically and thermally metastable and thermodynamically instable at ordinary temperatures.

bly stable group of polymeric molecular compounds of culfur atoms, namely Sgrings and Sn chelan, whose equilibrium composition is a function of temperature and prescure.

Since ring sulfur in the liquid there is defined as Lembda sulfur; the term Mu sulfur has been introduced for the insoluble sulfur.

(5) Macaluso, P., "The Chemistry of Calfur", Peport No. 25, (Sept. 16, 1951) Stauffer Chemical Co., Sec. Department, Eastern Div., Chauncey, New York.

<sup>(4)</sup> Lenge, N.A., "Handbook of Chemistry", Sth Ed., Handlook Publishers, Inc. Sanducky, Ohio.

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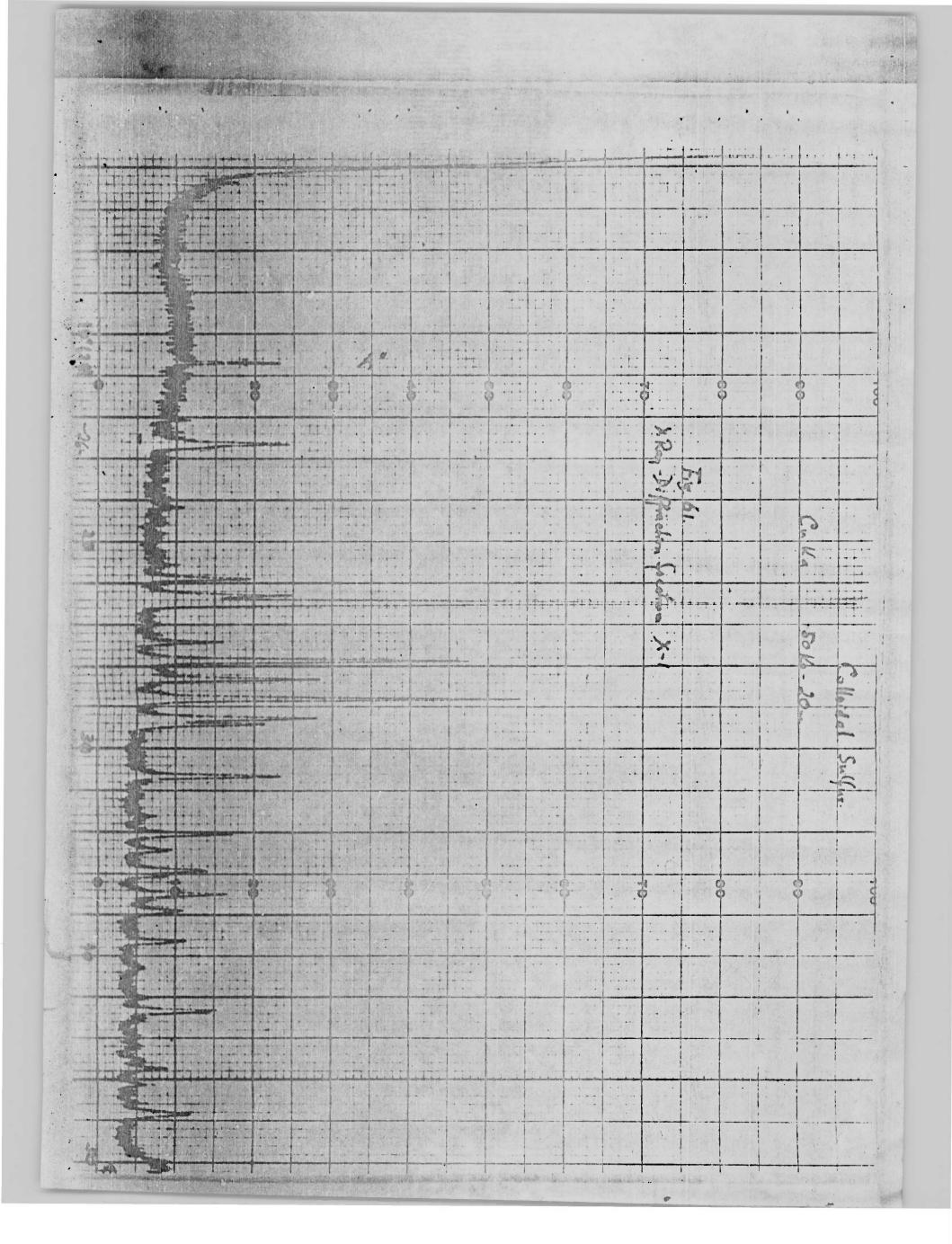
Using now this terminology, the test specimens in our experimental work comprised the following:

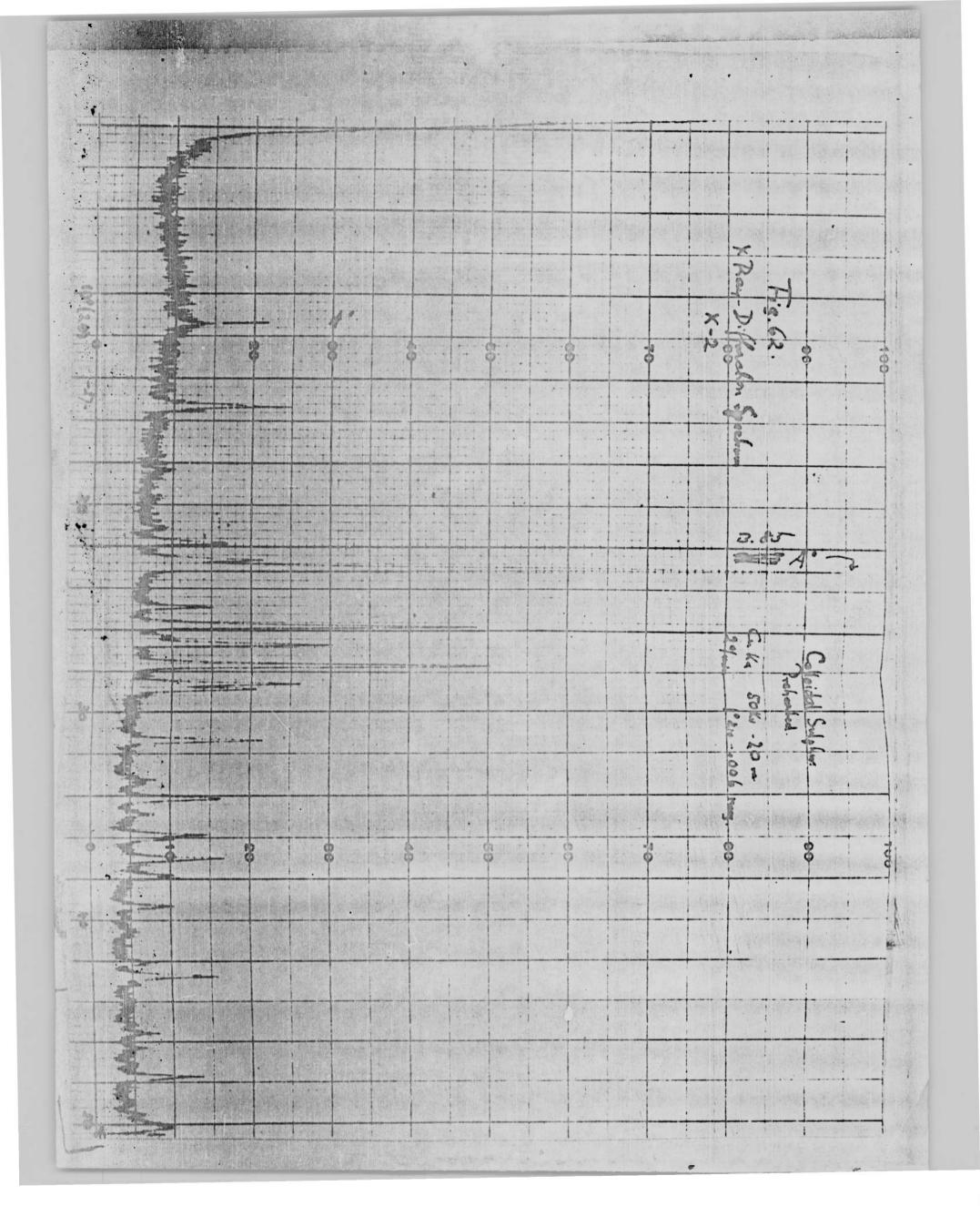
- 1) A natural crystalline rhombic sulfur.
- 2) A "colloidal" sulfur which, inspite of its very small particle size, was primarily a rhombic sulfur.
- 3) Heat-transformed sublimed sulfur (Flowers of Sulfur), which contain up to 30% in the insoluble Mn form by the heat transformation.
- 4) Heat-veporized and quenched high-polymer sulfur consisting of about 99.5% sulfur with 85% to 93% in the insoluble Mu form. These percentual limitations cover the difference between the commercial grades and the pure grade obtained for this study.

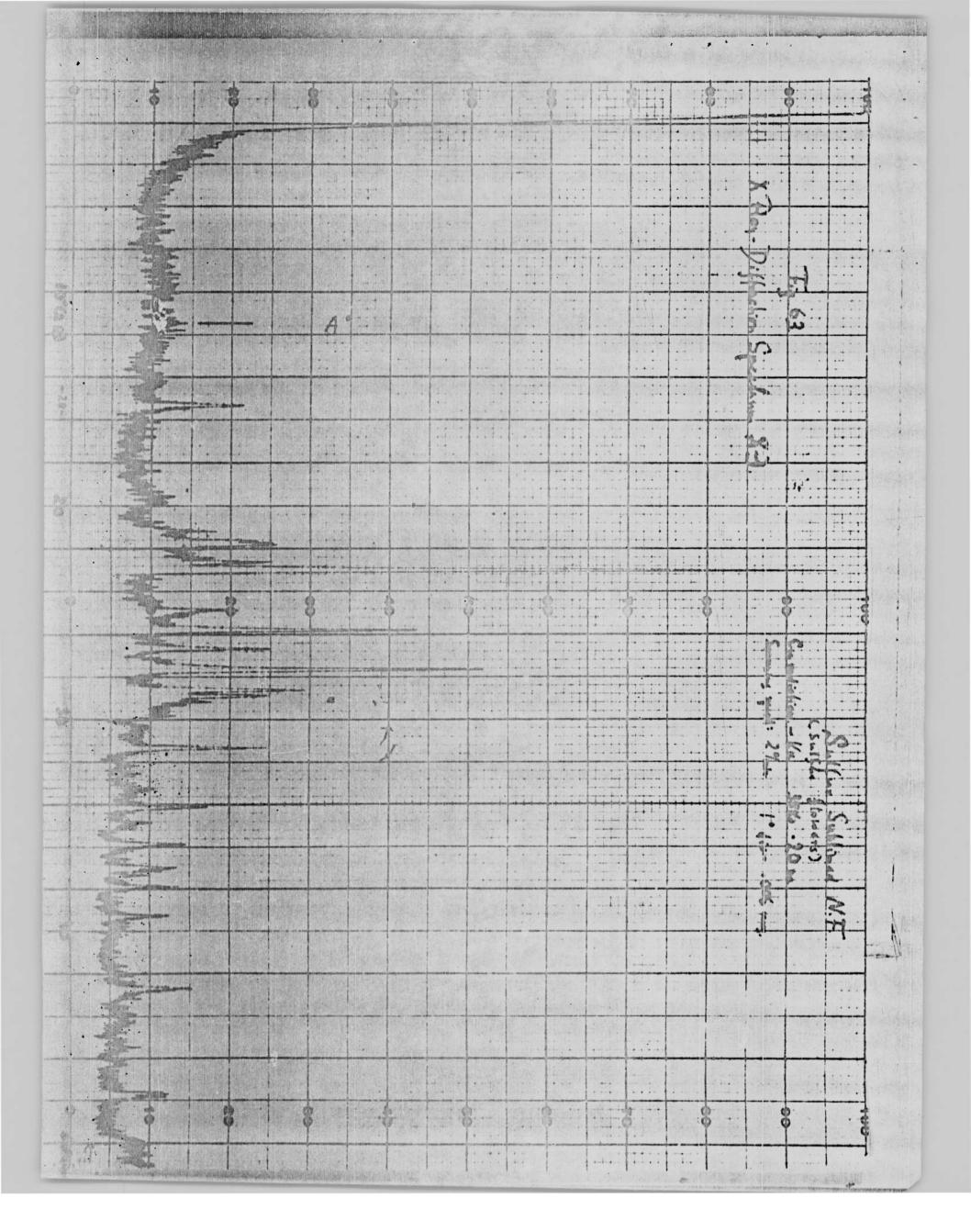
### e. X-RAY DIFFRACTION STUDIES

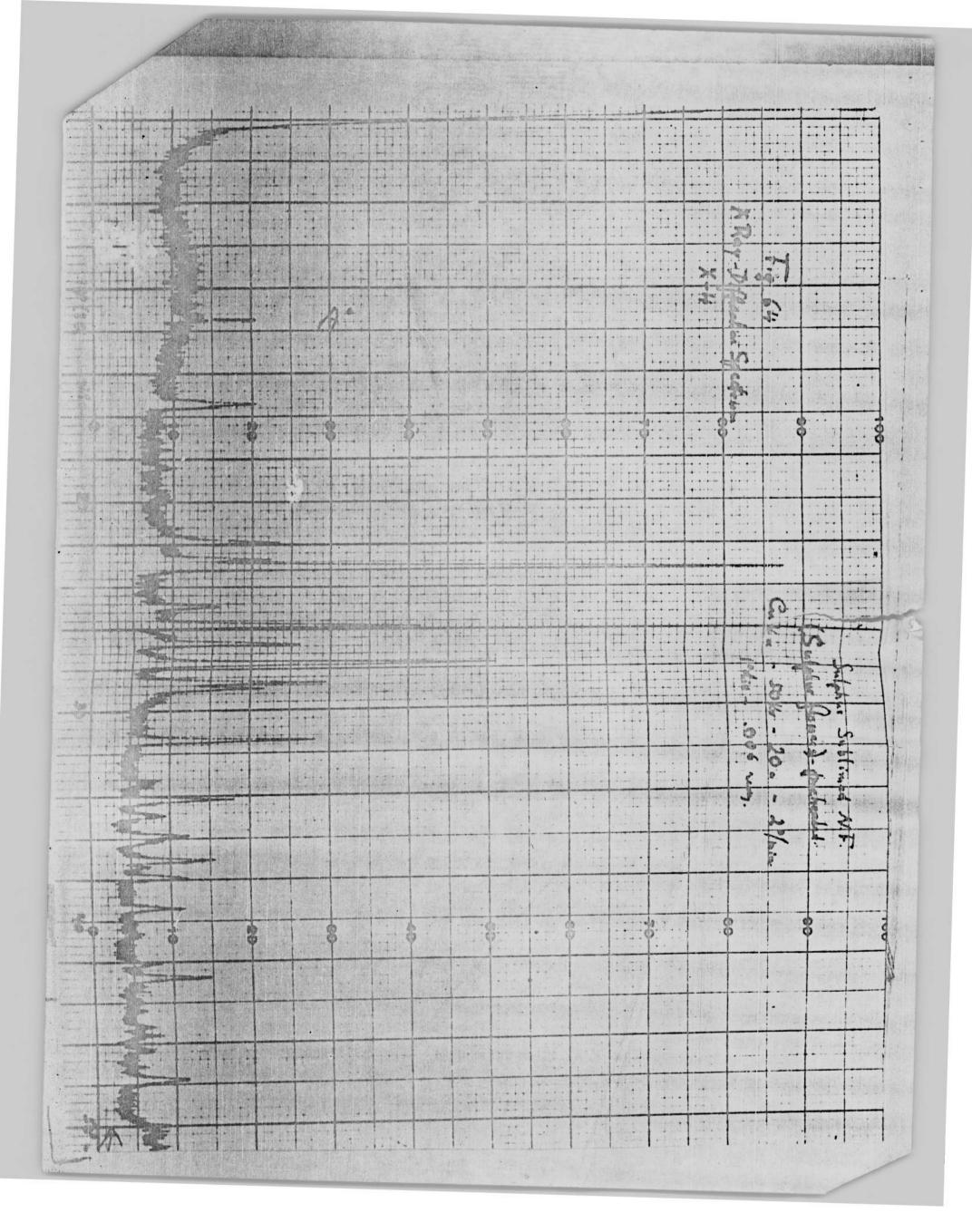
In further attempts to understand the sulfurs better some X-ray diffraction studies were made. The instrument which was used was the NORELCO X-ray Diffraction Spectrometer. (Appreciation is expressed here to Mr. Fred Behr of North American Philips Company, Mount Vernon, New York and to Mr. James A. Amick of the R.C.A.Laboratories in Princeton, New Jersey for their instrumental assistance in the question of defining the standard material.) The x-ray diffraction spectra are shown in Figures 61 to 65, p.26-30.

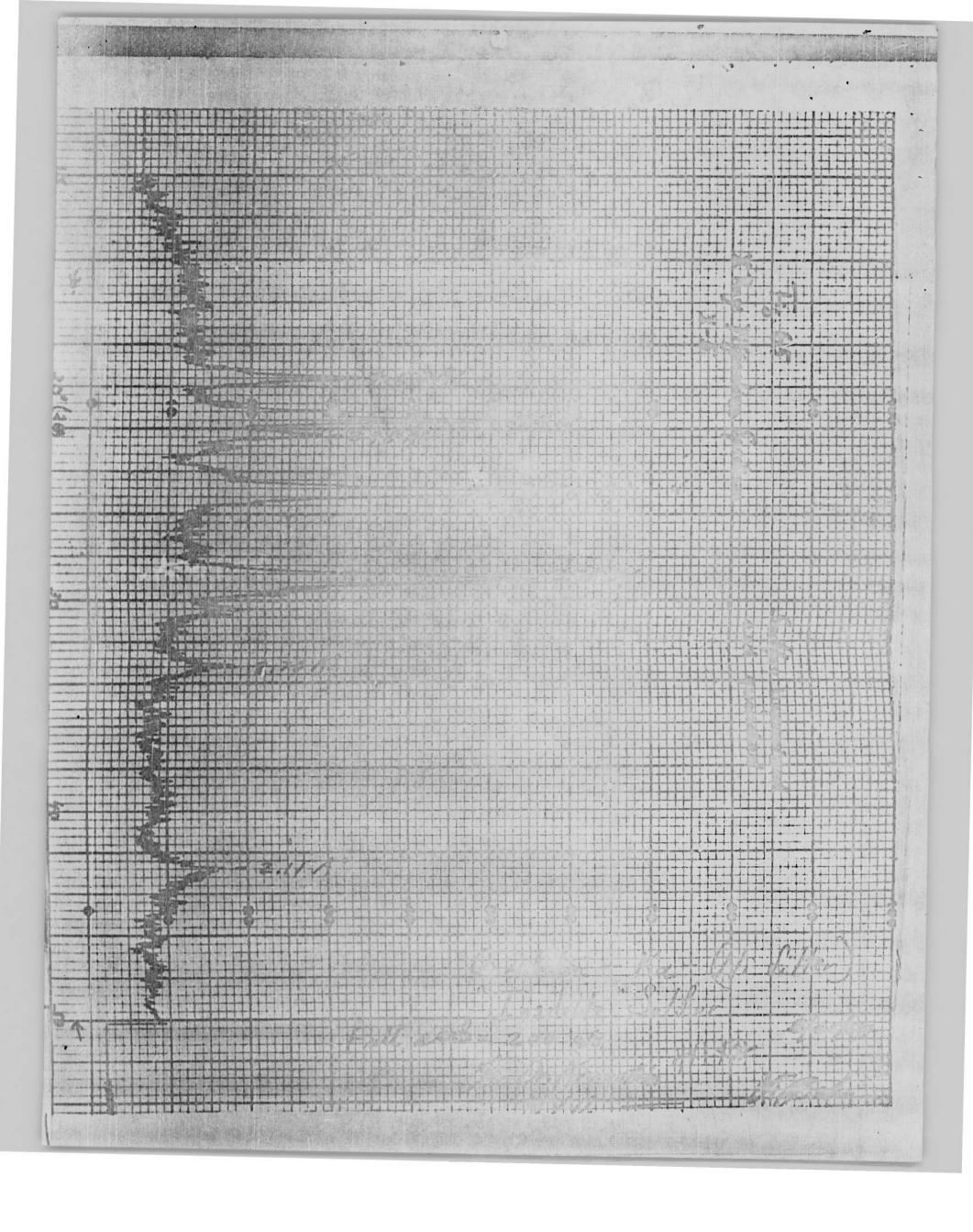
Here the colloids sulfur (Fig. 61, p.26 and the sublined sulfur (Figure 63, page 28) kmd similar spectra ; but, in agreement with the chemical facts mentioned earlier, the Flowers of Sulfur showed a slight deviation from the spectrum of the colloidal sulfur in that some of the lines had less intensity than was the case with the specimen of colloidal sulfur.











An additional specimen had been produced by slowly heating the colloidal sulfur to a temperature just approaching the melting point of sulfur or to about 110°C. This was done because at around 96°C. the rhombic sulfur is being progressively transformed into the monoclinic sulfur. The specimen was then allowed to cool very slowly to room temperature. Its spectra (Figure 62.) showed a definite indication of broadening at the line appearing at 11.4 degrees. Otherwise, this specimen remained the same as the colloidal sulfur.

The same test was made on the sublimed sulfur. The spectrum is shown as Figure 64.

Proceeding to the insoluble Mu form sulfur ( the vaporized and quenched form), the intensity relation between lines in the colloidal or in the sublimed sulfur and the lines in the insoluble sulfur were different. (Figure 65.). The Mu form sulfur showed strong lines in the spectrum which had not been present in the spectra of the other specimens. The meaning of the results have been expressed as follows: that "if sulfur of the insoluble type were present in the other samples, it was to a relatively small percent, less than 5% or so, and may not have been present at all". This corresponds to the fact that the "insoluble sulfur" specimen was one consisting of 85% to 93% of the Mu form. The colloidal sulfur in the original form and the one heated gradually to about 110°C. was not expected to contain the Mi form at all. The Flowers of Sulfur, with its estimated 30% Mu form sulfur content, had shown certain differences in intensity. Here the full content of Mu form had not shown up clearly enough in the I-ray diffraction spectrum to permit a quantitative estimate of the Mi form content to be made.

In connection with the X-ray diffraction study, the attempt was made to use electron diffraction methods also, by cooperation of R.C.A.; but here the finely divided sulfurs had the tendency of evaporating under the test conditions. Electron micrographs were taken, but they were not conclusive.

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C. THE CORRECTION FACTOR FOR DIFFUSELY REFLECTING SURFACES BASED ON THE SULFUR STANDARD.

Each of the four sulfurs was inserted in the sample holder next to the Golay Detector in the same manner as test specimens. The reflectance of each was determined, in the same manner as with other samples; and the ratio between values for the infalling beam and the reflected beam was determined.

Since the sublimed Flowers of Sulfur appeared to be especially suitable for our work, a series of four determinations were made; and the average taken. From these values, the curve "Flowers of Sulfur, average of 4 curves before correction factor" was obtained. This is shown in ( Figure S-1 at the end of this report.

The spectrum of the rhodium mirror was obtained and plotted before the application of any correction factor, as shown in Figure S-2.

Both of these curves were used in establishing the correction factors which were used on the applicable instrumental reflectance curves of the samples. The correction factors were obtained in order that they could be applied to all instrumental curves to obtain a final value that is more representative of a "total diffuse reflectance" measurement.

The rhodium mirror curve was used for determining a correction factor for materials which were of a similar type of specular reflectance

varnishes, etc. This factor was determined by comparing the curve shown for the rhodium mirror, point by point, with values obtained by the cooperation of the sponsoring agency and given in TABLE 54, page 34.

In the wavelength range to 2.7 microns, the rhodium mirror was measured relative to magnesium oxide.

In the same range, Flowers of Sulfur was measured also against magnesium oxide and the rhodium mirror (TABLE 55, pages 35 and 36.).

The measurement against magnesium oxide was calculated against the data for the absolute reflectance of magnesium oxide of Sanders and Middleton (6) (TABLE 56). The values obtained here were used as "total diffuse" reflectance values for the sulfur.

From the data on the rhodium mirror and the sulfur, two correction factors were determined: one for specularly reflecting specimens based on the ratio between the known reflectance data of the rhodium mirror of Table 54 and the measured reflectance data of the rhodium mirror shown in Figure S-2.

The resulting ratio data are given in TABLE 57 and were used as the correction factor for specimens of similar character.

The other factor was used for diffusely reflecting surfaces and was obtained as the ratio between the "total reflection of sulfur" in TABLE 55 and the measured average of four determinations given in FIGURE S-1.

The absolute data of the sulfur was not available over the entire range to 15 microns; but, since the ratio remained constant in the entire range except between 0.845 microns and 3 microns, the factor of 1.80 was applied to the wavelength region from 3 to 15 microns. This factor is (6) Sanders, C. and Middleton, E.E.K., JOSA, Vol. 43, p.58 (Jan 1953).

TABLE 54.

### THE CALCULATION OF THE CORRECTION FACTORS I.

# SPECTRAL REFLECTANCE OF THE RHODIUM MIRROR, AS USED IN THE CALCULATIONS.

AVELENGTH IN MICRONS	REFLECTANCE IN %
0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 2.0 2.4 3.0 3.5 4.0 5.0 5.0 7.0	72.5 76.3 81.0 82.0 84.6 86.4 87.6 98.4 90.5 91.4 92.0 92.5 93.0 94.1 94.5
9.0 10.0 11.0 12.0 13.0 14.0 15.0	95.1 95.3 95.5 95.5 95.5 95.5 95.5

THE DATA FROM 0.4 TO 4.0 MICRONS WERE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, THE DATA FROM 5 TO 15 MICRONS FROM ERDL. (THE ERDL DATA FROM 0.4 TO 4 MICRONS DIFFERED NO MORE THAN 0.7% FROM THE MBS DATA).

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### THE CALCULATION OF THE CORRECTION FACTORS II.

( SPECTRAL FEFLECTANCE MEASUREMENTS ON THE ERDL SPECTROPHOTOMETER WITH GLASS HEMISPHERE )

FAVELENGTH MICRONS	RHODIUM REL.MgO	FLOWERS OF SULPHUR REL. MgO	SULPHUR REL.RHOD.	SULPHUR: TOTAL DIFFUSE REFLECTANCE (USING ABSOLUTE MgO DATA OF SANDERS)
0.70	84.4	90.7	107.5	
0.72	84.8	91.2	107.5	. 88.1
0.74	85.2	91.5	107.2	
0.76	84.	- 91.0	106.5	87.7
0.78	84.3	91.4	107.	
0.80	85.2	91.8	107.	88.2
0.82	85.5	91.7	107.1	
0.84	85.	91.7	109.8	
0.86	85.9	92.3	107.3	. 88.4
0.88	86.4	92.7	107.1	00.4
0.90	86.7	93.4	107.8	89.4
0.92	85.4	93.	107.8	07.4
0.94	86 4	92.4	107.0	
0.96	86 8	93	107.2	88.7
	86.5	92.	107.2	60.7
0.98			107.2	89.1
1.00	87. 87.6	. 93.		
1.05		93.7	107.	89.6
1.10	88.4	94.1	106.3	90.1
1.15	88.8	94.4	106.2	
1.20	89.4	94.2	105.5	approximately and the second
1.25	90.	94.6	105.	
1.30	90.7	95	104.8	90.3
1.35	91.5	96.5	105.	
1.40	92.	95.8	104.1	
1.45	92.2	95.8	104.	
1.50	92.4	95.8	103.5	91.0
1.55	92.8	96.1	103.5	
1.60	93.2	96.1	103.	
1.65	94.5	97.1	102.5	
1.70	93.4	96.6	104.4	
1.75	95.8	97.5	101.8	
1.80	96.8	97.6	100.8	
1.85	97.7	99.1	101.5	
1.90	99.2	99.2	100	
1.95	100	100	100	94.1
2.00	100	100	100	94.2
2.05	99.2	99.2	100	
2.10	99.2	100	101	
2.15	99	100	101	
2.20	101	101.2	100.3	95.4
2.25	101.2	102.8	101.2	
2.30	102.5	103.8	101.2	

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#### TABLE 55. (Continued)

#### THE CALCULATION OF THE CORRECTION FACTORS II (CONTINUED )

WAVELENGTH MICRONS	RHODIUM REL MgO	SULPHUP REU MoO	SULPHUR REL.RHODIUM	SULPHUR: TOTAL DIFFUSE REFLECT.
2.35	103.3	105.2	101.8	
2.40 .	103.2	105.	102.	
2.45	103.	105.8	102.2	99.5
2.50	103.7	106.5	102.8	
2.55	105.	107	101.8	
2.60	106.8	108.5	101.8	
2.65	112.8	114	101.2	

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# TABLE 56. THE CALCULATION OF THE CORRECTION FACTORS III.

THE "ABSOLUTE" REFLECTANCE OF MAGNESIUM OXIDE ACCORDING TO THE DATA OF SANDERS AND MIDDLETON IN THE JOURNAL OF THE OFTICAL SOCIETY JANUARY 1953:

( AVERAGE OF THREE SPECIMENS ONE DAY OLD ).

WAVELENGTH (MICRONS)	REFLECTANCE	WAVELENG TH (NICRONS)	REPLECTANCE
0.60 0.64 0.68 0.72 0.76 0.80 0.85 0.89 0.97 1.01 1.05 1.09 1.13 1.17 1.22 1.26 1.30 1.34 1.38 1.42 1.46 1.50 1.55 1.72 1.75 1.79 1.83	97.1 96.7 96.7 96.4 96.2 96.1 96.1 96.1 95.7 95.7 95.3 95.3 95.3 95.1 95.1 95.1 95.1 95.1 95.9 94.9 94.9 94.9 94.5	1.87 1.91 1.95 2.00 2.04 2.08 2.12 2.16 2.20 2.24 2.28 2.32 2.37 2.41 2.45	94.2 94.1 94.2 94.2 94.2 94.2 94.6 93.3 93.3 94.0



THE CALCULATION OF THE CORRECTION FACTORS IV

# THE CORRECTION FACTORS FOR A SPECULARLY REFLECTING SURFACE ( BASED ON THE RHODIUM MIRROR STUDIES ).

DRUM READING	WAVELENGTH IN MICRONS	FACTOR
UP TO 2160 ·	0.616	1.00
2150	0.619	1.01
2140	0.621	1.01
2130	0.624	1.03
2120	0.680	1.04
2110	0.710	1.05
2100	0.725 .	1.05
2090	0.740	1.06
2080	0.760	1.06
2070	0.780	1.06
2060	0.800	1.07
2050	0.820	1.07
2040	0.845	1.06
2030	0.870	1.06
2020	0.909	1.06
2010	0.940	1.05
2000 .	0,975	1.04
1990	1.005	1.03
1980	1.05	1.02
1970_	1.095	1.01
1960	1.14	1.01
1950	1.20	1.01
1940mil	1.285	1.01
1930	1.36	1.00
1920	1.25	1.00
1910	1.56	1.00
1900	1.69	1.00
1890	1.86	1.00
1890:	2.04	1.01
1870	2.21	1.01
1860	2.67	1.02
1850	2.87	1.02
1840	3.02	1.03
1830	3.21	1.03
1820 1810	3.62	1.03
1800	4.01	1.04
1790	4.05	1.04
1790	4.13	1.04
1770	4.30	1.05
1760	4.50	1.05
1750	4.70	1.05
FROM 1740 ON	4.95	1.06
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tabulated in TABLE 58, page 40.

Applying the factor for diffusely reflecting media to the reflectance curve of sulfur shown in FIGURE S-1 and to the other sulfurs studied, the corrected reflectance curves are obtained as shown in FIGURES S-3 to S-6. FIGURE S-3 gives the sublimed sulfur (Flowers of Sulfur) and FIGURE S-4 the vaporized insoluble sulfur; that is, the two sulfurs which contain the Mu type sulfur.

FIGURE S-5 shows the colloidal sulfur, which is microrhombic sulfur; end FIGURE S-6 shows the natural sulfur crystal, which is quite uniform in reflectance throughout the test range but low in reflectance value and difficult to reproduce the surfaces in view of the character of the sulfur crystals.

As comparative standard in studies on diffusely reflecting surfaces, the sulfurs which contain the Mu form are quite constant until past 10 microns with a typical absorption band between 10.5 and 12.5 microns and with a dropping off beyond 13.4 microns. As the Mu type sulfur becomes more readily available in great purity, it might later replace the Flowers of Sulfur, which is used as comparative standard in the present study. But as FIGURES S-3 and S-4 show, such a change between the two sulfurs will have little effect on the various determinations given in this report.

For comperison, FIGURE S-7 shows the spectrum of the magnesium oxide powder with its sharp drop between 2 and 3 microns. This curve has been made from chemically pure magnesium oxide because it was not feasible to use the area close to the salt window of the Golay Detector for producing freshly smoked magnesium oxide without possible damage to the window. It was also impractical to produce the freshly smoked magnesium oxide outside the instru-

# TABLE 58. UNCLASSIFIED THE CALCULATION OF THE CORRECTION FACTORS V.

# THE COPRECTION FACTORS FOR A DIFFUSELY REFLECTING SURFACE ( BASED ON THE SULPHUR STUDIES .)

DRUM READING	WAVELENGTH IN MICRONS	FACTOR
UP TO 2040	to 0.845	1.81
2030	0.870	.1.80
2020	0.900	1.79
2010	0.940	1.76
2000	0.975	1.74
1990	1.005	1.70
1980	1.050	1.69
1970	1 095	1.68
1960	1.140	1.67
1950	1.200	1.67
1940	1.285	1.67
1930	1.360	1.67
1920	1.450	1.66
1910	1.560	1.66
1900	1.690	1.66
1890	1.860	1.67
1880	2.040	1.67
1870	2 210	1.63
1860	2,420	1.69
1850	2 670	1.70
1840	2.570	1.74
FROM 1830 ON	3.020	1.80

ment and then invert it into the small area without damage to the uniformity of the surface.

The question remained which of the two correction factors would apply to certain surfaces which might have a slight semi-gloss and would appear to be batween the specular and the diffusely reflecting substances.

For comperison, studies were made using the Beckman Spectrometer with Reflection Attachment on these surfaces. Its characteristics are well known and have been discussed in the Supplement, page 3, of the Final Report of the preceeding contract (DA-44-009 eng-652). Where an agreement between the Beckman and the Perkin-Elmer was to be expected, both factors were applied and showed the following:

- a) To pigmented finishes of some degree of hiding power, the diffuse reflection factor is to be applied. The diffuse reflection factor applied also to such complex matter as leaves of trees where the beam penetrating the specimen surface is entering a network of substance matter which gives them the diffusely reflecting characteristic.
- b) In cases where the hiding power is so low that the film is transparent in the visible range, and where the specimen is applied on a specularly reflecting surface, such as polished aluminum, the specular factor had to be applied. This refers, for instance, to a dispersion of 325-mesh Mics in alkyd resin on polished aluminum or similar materials.

UNCLASSIFZIFMEASUREMENT OF BACKGROUND MATERIALS a. INTRODUCTION

In an evaluation of camouflage materials it is of primary importance to know the reflection spectrum of the background materials studied under corresponding conditions. The number of possible background materials is so great that within the scope of this project a limited number of groups only have been studied in the hope that from these some deductions of a wider scope may be made.

The original work program included therefore a number of green leaves, coniferous twigs, dry leaved, dry grass, ten different soils and sands, and three barks of trees. During the course of the work it was necessary to make some seasonal modifications; and it was also necessary to cait some tests on wet leaves because of the proximity of the sample to the salt window of the Golay Detector. In collecting the plant specimens, the project had the cooperation of the New York Botanical Garden; and they were selected as they were available within the scope of the suggestions expressed by the Contracting Officer. The specimens which have been studied are listed in TABLE 59. Their spectrum charts are shown as Figures 2-1 to 2-21 at the end of the report.

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In making two determinations at different times for the various specimens, it became evident that there were variations in the reflectance of leaves of the same branch of a tree; but in the case of most green leaves this refers only to the region below 3 microns. (Figures 2-1,2-2,2-3). At wavelengths beyond 3 microns, these differences are of a minor order. An exception to this was the pressed, dormant maple leaf where there were some variations beyond 4 microns (Figure 2-5). This variation, however, is assumed to result from variations in the pressure applied on different

#### TABLE 59.

			LIST OF BACKGROUND MATERIALS TESTED	
CON			HATERIAL UNCLASSIFIED	SPECTRUM
POS			WATERIAL OLIVERY	CHART NO.
ff	2	a	YOUNG WILLOW LEAF ( SALIX FRAGILIS), DRY TOP SIDE	FIG 2-2
#	2	b	GREEN MAPLE LEAF (ACER RUBRUM, EASTERN NORTH AMERIC WET TOP SIDE	A) NOT FEASIBLE
#	2	c	HOLLY LEAF DRY. ( ILEX ALTACLARENSIS) TOP SIDE SAME FOTTOM SIDE	FIG 2-3 FIG 2-4
#	2	d	GREEN MOUNTAIN LAUREL ( KALMIA LATIFOLIA) DRY TOP SID	E FIG 2-1
#	2	8	GREEN OAK LEAF WET	NOT FEASIBLE
-#	2	2	GREEN CONIFEROUS TWIGS ( JACK PINE, PINUS BANKSIANA),	
			NORTHEASTERN AMERICA DRY	FIG 2-7
背	2	g	SAME	NOT FEASIBLE
#	2	h	PRESSED DORMANT MAPLE LEAF DRY (ACER RULFUM)	
"			EASTERN NORTH AMERICA	FIG 2-5
Ħ	2	1	OAK LEAF, WINTER COLOR, DRY, TOP SIDE ( QUERCUS BOREALIS	WTA 0 6
11	2		GRASS.DRY (MEADOW FESCUE)	FIG.2-6 FIG.2-8
7	20	3	GRAD. DRI ( BEADON PROCUE )	23/2020
#	2	k	SOIL SAND # 18 ( HAINAMANU SILT LOAM, HAWAII)	FIG 2-9
			# 70 ( BARNES FINE SILT LOAM, S.D.)	FIG.2-10
			# 72 ( GOOCH FINE SILT LOAM, ORE.)	FIG.2-11
			# 72 ( GOOCH FINE SILT LOAM, ORE.) # 89 ( VEREENIGING, AFRICA)	FIG.2-12
			# 113( MAURY SILT LOAM, TERM.)	FIG.2-13
			# 115( DUELIN CLAY LOAM, CALIFORNIA)	FIG.2-14
			# 117( GRADY SILT LOAM, GEORDIA)	Fig. 2-16
			# 186( FULLMAN LOAM, N.M.)	VIG.2-15
			# 195( COLTS NECK LOAM, N.J.)	FIG. 2-17
			B ( MESITA NEGRA-LOWER TEST SITE )	FIG.2-18
H	2	1	BARK: RED OAK ( QUERCUS BORRALIS MAXIMA)	FIG.2-19
			BARK: JACK PINE ( PINUS BANKSIANA )	FIG.2-20
			BARK: COLORADO SPRUCE ( PINUS PONDEROSA )	FIG.2-21

areas of the leaf surface due to the veins.

Certain differences were also observed on different specimens of the same sand (Figures 2-9, 2-14). Some tests were made to determine the reason for this; and it was found that this is caused by differences in the particle size distribution in different samples taken from a send. This was concluded from the following observations:

- 1) Different sands react to slight differences in packing of the sample to a different degree (See Figures 20, 21, 22 in the Second Technical Report).
- 2) Sieving a sand, that is, changing its particle size distribution, also affects its reflectance.

The differences were in the percent reflectance in certain wavelength ranges and not in the general course of the curve. The curve was therefore plotted as the medium between the determinations.

The barks of trees followed the same general reflection pattern as the leaves.

Measurements were made on absorption by attaching the leaves to the entrance slit of the monochromator. Here, the transmitted energy was so low that the results were within the error limits of the instrument; and the results are not shown in the Figures. In the case of the coniferous twigs and barks, it was not possible to obtain any useable results.

Table 59 shows that measurements on wet leaves were infeasible. This was because the distance between the sample end the salt window in the Golay Detector is only one-sixteenth of an inch and the wetness might easily interfere with the use of the salt window.

#### d.CONCLUSION

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In comparing all the reflection spectra of these background materials

with the paints and pigment dispersions in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the contract, it is evident that these background spectra do not correspond to any of the paints on polished aluminum because of the high reflection peaks of the paints on aluminum in the 3 to 6 micron region.

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3. THE EFFECT OF PIGMENT PARTICLE SHAPE ON THE WATER PENETRATION AND THE

RESULTING CHANGES ON THE INFRARED REFLECTANCE OF A CAMOUFLAGE PAINT.

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condition.

Paint chemists have brought up the question repeatedly whether or not certain pigment particle shapes can influence the water penetration characteristics of an applied pigmented paint. It has been pointed out especially that platy pigments can orientate themselves in a paint film with their flat surfaces parallel to the paint surface, thus forming a moisture berrier in the paint. In this respect, platy mica has been introduced as a part of the pigmentation in house paints, in transformer costings and in other applications. It was therefore of interest to study whether or not the particle shape of pigments in general will have an influence on the camouflage characteristics of pigmented paints when their reflectance in the infrared is measured in dry, in wet, and in recovered

STORET The contract provided, therefore, for a study of the effect of pigment particle shape on the water penetration and the resulting changes in the infrared characteristics of a camouflage paint. Hereby, each selected shape was used as 100% pigment in the vehicle; and the paint was applied on aluminum and on black background. The paints were then studied with respect to their infrared characteristics under the following conditions:

- a) The dry paint.
- b) The paint after 4 hrs. water immersion (increased to 72 hrs.).
- c) The paint after 24 hrs. water immersion (increased to 72 hrs).
- d) The paints which showed the greatest resistance to water immersion

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in b) and c) should be immersed also in 5% NaCl for 24 hrs spectral reflectance curve determined again.

- e) All immersed panels allowed to dry at  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$ . for 24 hrs. and then tested again.
- f) The two coatings with pigment particle shapes showing the highest and the lowest moisture penetration mixed 1:1 with chromium exide in a coating employing the same vehicle as used before and the coating tested in similar manner as before.
- g) The two pigments of different perticle shape which showed the greatest resistance to moisture penetration in the vehicle used before used again as 100% pigment content in a second vehicle which belongs to the group of water emulsion type camouflage paints.

As the work progressed, it became evident that with respect to b) and c) the influence of the 4 hr. and the 24 hr. water immersion on the reflectance of dried paints was of a very minor order. The period of water immersion was increased therefore to 72 hrs. With respect to d) test results showed that the attack of the salt water in 24 hr. immersion was not as great as had generally been expected.

Furthermore, it becams evident that it is not enough to compare two pigments with respect to their particle shape alone. Where possible, pigments under comparison should be of similar hiding power or chemical characteristics. For this reason, the number of pigments studied was increased. The index of the spectra obtained is given in TABLE 60, pages 48-50. The paint composition is given in TABLE 61, pages 51 and 52. c.DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Peregraph 3 of the contract, it is evident that no paint tested eliminated





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TABLE 61.

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	Mapico #516 dark.		200	perts	alkyd resin 55% solids
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2	Spheroidal red iron oxid	e:43.15			red iron exide
	Mapico red #347.		200	parts	elkyd resin 55% solids
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3	Oxide II.) Cubical red iron oxide:	41.98			xylene.
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8	Acicular Zinc Oxide:	47.0			zinc oxide.
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					Rezyl resin #387-5
					xylene.
9	Platy wet ground mica	23.49		perts	
	325-mesh.		200	parts	alkyd resin 55% solids
			22.5		Rezyl resin #387-5
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10	Hexagonal aluminum sili-	21.5			.sluminum silicate
	cate. ASP 100.		200		slkyd resin 55% solids
			06		Remyl resin #387-5.
11	Colored titanium	estimate			xylene. MP 860-15
11	dioxide I(MP 860-15.)	35.0			alkyd resin 55% solids
	GIOYIGA I (UL GOO-IDE)	٠,٠٠٠	200	beres	Rezyl resin #387-5.
		in the second	25	navite	xvlene.
12	Colored titanium	35.0			MP 860-13
	dioxide II. (MP 860-13)	),.0	200	perus	resin 55% solids
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NUMBER.		ES/G/L.			NO1T1309MC
13	Colored zinc oxide I.	46.0			colored zinc oxide I.
	Y-1784		200	Farts	alkyd resin 55% solids
					Rezyl resin #387
					xylene.
14 .	Colored zinc oxide II.	46.0			colored zinc oxide II.
	D-31		154	parts	alkyd resin 55% solids
					Rezyl resin #387
			55	parts	xylene.
15	Spheroidal zinc oxide.	47.0			zinc oxide.
	.XX 503		200	perts	alkyd resin 55% solids.
					Rezyl resin #387
			100	perts	xylene.
16	Hexagonal white lead.	56.0	156	parts	hexagonal white lead.
			200	perts	clkyd resin 55% solids.
					Rezyl resin #387
17	Mixture of	-	66	parts	zinc oxide *
	Acicular zinc oxide XX60	1	49	perts	chreme oxide
	end		200	parts	alkyd resin 55% solids
	Chrome oxide X 1134.	4,410,5		19/5	Rezyl resin #387.
18	Mixture of		79	parts	hexagonal white lead. *
	Hexagonal white lead				chrome oxide.
	£nd				alkyd resin 55% solids
	Chrome oxide X 1.134.				Rezyl resin #387.
19	Cubical red oxide (110-2)	41.98	0.5	perts	iron oxide
	in emulsifiable paint.				crylic resin emulsion
	and contract and present of			PLLE	Rhoplex AC-33)
			40	is nte	witer.
20	Hexagonal white lead	56.0			hexagenel white lead.
20	in emulsifiable paint.	2000			scrylic resin emulsion
	IN CUMTETITE CTG Terling		I for in	Peres	
			00	no reha	Phoplex (C-33)
M. 3/2	A CO. F. P. Wallima		EV	PELES	water.
* WYXE	d 50:50 by volume.				

fully the differences in the reflectance of the background in range to 7 microns. In all cases the reflectance on aluminum was greater than the reflectance on black. It is especially clear that none of the paints was capable of eliminating the higher reflectance area between 3.5 and 5.8 microns on polished aluminum.

The differences between the pigment groups are summarized as follows:

- (1) Spheroidal red iron oxide and spheroidal zinc oxide II on aluminum and on black (FIGURES 3-1 to 3-4): In all tests for the dry paints, the paints after 72 hrs. water immersion, and for the recovered paints after 24 hrs. air drying, the variations caused by the water immersion were of minor order.
- (2) Hexagonal aluminum silicate (a pigment extender without any practical hiding power) and hexagonal white lead (a pigment having a high degree of hiding power) (FIGURES 3-5 to 3-8): The water penetration effect on the diffuse reflectance curves was of minor order. However, the great difference in hiding power of these two pigments is evident from the fact that the alkyd paint with aluminum silicate on aluminum has such a high specular reflectance, which is caused from the reflectance of the aluminum background, that the correction factor for specular surfaces (based on the rhodium mirror) was applied. With the white lead pigmented paints, the diffuse reflection factor was used.
- (3) Platy mice extender (FIGURES 3-9 and 3-10): The hiding power of this material was of such a low order that the specular correction factor had to be applied. The platy mice and the hexagonal aluminum silicate behaved differently from the other pigments in that they showed practically no hiding power. It is to be pointed out that the hexagonal aluminum silicate has a



tendency to breck into programments are more irregular in thickness than the these eluminum silicate fragments are more irregular in thickness than the mice particles. Therefore, it could have been expected that the mice pigmented print would show a mensurable higher degree of moisture penetration than the aluminum silicate paint; but in both cases the moisture resistance was so great that 72 hrs. immersion in water did not produce differences in the reflectance of the two immersed paints.

- (4) Acicular iron exide and acicular sinc exide I (FIGURES 3-21 to 3-14):
  These pigments and the cubical pigments tested showed greater effect of the
  water immersion on the reflectance spectra than the pigments of (1), (2), and
  (2), especially when tested on polished aluminum. With acicular iron exide,
  the recovered paint appears as a lowered reflectance in the 1.5 to 2.7 micron
  area where it drops from about 80% reflectance to about 60%, and in the 4 to 5
  micron region it drops from about 65% reflectance to about 50%. Between 2.9
  and 3.2 microns and 5.7 and 7.0 microns, the reflectance remained unchanged.
  The acicular zinc exide II on aluminum shows a flattening of the reflectance
  peaks below 2.7 microns, but the recovery characteristics around 4 and 5
  microns are considerably better than for the acicular iron exide.
- (5) Cubicel iron exide (FIGURES 3-15 and 3-16): This pigment showed the greatest change between the dry and the wet paint of any of the pigments which were studied. The dry paint had a large reflection peak between 3.3 and 5.8 microns which reached its maximum at 4.9 microns. After 72 hrs. water immercion, this peak was not there; but it appeared again after the paint was dried for 24 hrs.es a lower peak. The peak dropped from 77% reflectance for the dry paint before water immersion to 62% reflectance for the recovered paint.

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(6) Mixed pigments: The contract provided that on the group which shows considerable water effect and one pigment which shows little effect from water should be mixed with chromium oxide and used as mixed pigmentation. For this, acicular zinc oxide was selected as being most affected by moisture; and haxagonal white lead was selected as being least affected by moisture penetration. In this selection, only pigments of good hiding power were considered. The curves are shown in FIGURES 3-17 to 3-20). The acicular zinc oxide with chromium oxide and alkyd binder shows a drop in reflectance between 4.5 and 5.2 microns from 80% for the dry paint to about 70% for the paint after 72 hrs. water immersion. The recovered paint shows 62% reflectance in the same wavelength region. The hexagonal white lead with chromium oxide and alkyd binder shows negligible variation in reflectance. The paints on black background show less variation in these tests then the paints on polished aluminum.

(7) Acrylic resin emulsion paints: The reflectance levels are lower for these paints than for the other paints studied; and therefore the differences in reflectance were less evident. (FIGURES 3-21 to 3-24).

Nevertheless, the cubical iron exide in acrylic resin emulsion dropped in reflectance in the wavelength region between 4.5 and 5.5 from around 50% to 40% reflectance. The reflectance of the wet paint was lower and did not show greater reflectance after 24 hrs. drying. In the case of hexagonal white lead in acrylic resin emulsion, the hiding power in this region is so great that the reflectance on aluminum remained below 21% beyond 3.2 microns. This paint loses reflectance during immersion and recovery in the 1.0 to 2.0 micron region where the maximum reflectance drops from about 75% to below 70%. Generally, the emulsion paints tested were affected very little in their



reflectance spectra by the 72 hr. immersion test.

The study of the effect of pigment particle shape on water penetration and the resulting changes in the infrared reflectance of a camouflage paint has shown:

- a) That reflectance measurements can be used in comparing the effect of water immersion on paints.
- b) That the water resistance of the paints differed with different particle shapes.

Since these studies had to be made on paints on aluminum or some other solid base, it was not possible to measure in these cases the changes in absorption also, because the painted panels were not suitable for use as absorption samples in the Perkin-Elmer Spectrometer. Some studies on absorption were made on free paint films (See pages 62 ff. ); but it was found that paints having the high pigment /velume concentration required in these studies at the required film thickness of 1 mil have so little transmission (in the case of any of the hiding pigments tested) that the variations caused by water immersion and recovery would fall within the limits of error of the instrument.

To obtain absorption spectra of unsupported films, very thin one-coat paint films had to be selected where it is difficult to measure any variations in film-thickness between different areas of the film. Since the reflection spectra showed the water immersion effect, the fact that the parallel absorption studies were infeasible in these cases was felt to be of no specific importance.

That the paints on black background showed less effect than on . sluminum in their infrared reflectance is discussed on page 61 .



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4 A .HIDING POWER AND EFFECTIVE REFLECTANCE OF PIGMENTS AND PAINTS.

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1. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

As originally planned the program included a study of the relationship between the index of refraction, the hiding power, and the reflection characteristics of certain pigments and paints as a function of wavelength. A thorough investigation revealed no practical or accurate method for the determination of the index of refraction of the dark pigments, especially in the infrared region of the spectrum. As a result only the hiding power of the paints and pigments was studied.

In industry the hiding power of a paint is measured in the visible range only and the reflectance of an applied paint on a white background and on a black background is determined in one specific angle only. As a light source a lamp of a wide wavelength range is used and no effort is made to select one limited wavelength range for a measurement. From the measurement of the reflectance on white background and on black background, the kiding power is determined as

Fercent Reflectance over Black. x 100.

During the current study the hiding power of the pigments and paints was studied in a similar manner except that a substance of high reflectance in the far infrared was selected. Since white paint has a low infrared reflectance at the longer wavelengths, polished aluminum was used as one background material. A black paint was used for the black background.

The contract required that the studies should be made on

- a) Two colored zinc exides having different hiding power.
- b) Two chrome greens having different hiding power.
- c) Two iron oxides having different hiding power.

- d) Two colored titanium dioxides having different hiding power.
- e) One paint using the same vehicle for each of these pigments.

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  The pigments which were selected are listed in TABLE 62. The zinc oxides and the titanium dioxides were selected from knowledge about their general hiding characteristics obtained under the previous contract with the Sponsor. The chrome greens and the iron oxides were selected as examples of their groups having different hiding power, according to information from their manufacturers. The work consisted, therefore, in first studying the reflectance of the eight pigments in the infrared range to 15 microns, and then preparing paints of the same pigment/volume concentration and applying them in a thickness of 1 mil on polished aluminum and on a black undercost.

After making these determinations, the reflectance values obtained using the correction factors for diffusely reflecting surfaces had to be calculated in the point-by-point application of the equation:

Hiding Power = Percent Reflectance over Black. x 100.

Percent Reflectance over Aluminum.

Since the change from the Perkin-Elmer Model 12-C to the Model 112
Spectrometer had become necessary during the work, this report gives the spectra charts which were determined with each of these instruments. Also, the rhodium mirror stendard was replaced by the new sulfur stendard for diffusely reflecting surfaces during the course of the work.

In the curves presented in this report, all measurements which were were made with the single-pass Model 12-c are calculated with the rhodium mirror correction factor. The measurements made with the single-beam, double-pass Model 112 were calculated using the correction factor for diffusely reflecting surfaces. The calculations of the ratio between the reflectance of the paints on black to that on polished aluminum were based on the measurements

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SYNTHETIC IRON OXIDE II (MAPICO RED 347)	FIGURE 4-6	FIGURE 4-14
COLORED TITANIUM DIOXIDEI(MP360-1	5) FIGURE 4-7	FIGURE 4-15
COLORED TITANIUM DIOXIDE II	7, 120012	
(MP 860-13)	FIGURE 4-8	FIGURE 4-16
PAINTS:		
COLORED ZINC OXIDE I (PAINT #13) ON BLACK	FIGURE 4-17	FIGURE 4-33
ON ALUMINUM	FIGURE 4-17	FIGURE 4-34
COLORED ZINC OXIDE II (PAINT #14)		F100112 4-74
ON BLACK	FIGURE 4-19	FIGURE 4-35
ON ALUMINUM	FIGURE 4-19 FIGURE 4-20	FIGURE 4-36
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ON BLACK	FIGURE 4-21	FIGURE 4-37
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ON BLACK	FIGURE 4-23	FIGURE 4-39
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ON BLACK	FIGURE 4-31	FIGURE 4-47
ON ALUMINUM	FIGURE 4-32	FIGURE 4-48
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CHROME GREEN I (A 4444)		FIGURE 4-51
CHROME GREEN II (A 701)		FIGURE 4-52
SYNTHETIC IRON OXIDE I(RED 110-2)		FIGURE 4-53
SINTHETIC IRON OXIDE II (RED 347)		FIGURE 4-54

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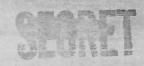
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TRANSMISSION MEASUREMENTS ON THIN :	FREE FILMS OF	THE TEST PA	INTS: .	
COLORED ZINC OXIDE I (PAINT #13)			FIGURE T-1	
COLORED ZINC OXIDE II (PAINT #14)		]	FIGURE T-2	
CHROME GREEN I (PAINT #6)		]	FIGURE T-	3
CHROME GREEN II (PAINT #7)		1	FIGURE T-A	
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IRON OXIDE II (PAINT #2)				
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with the new Model 112 using the new correction factor for different reflecting surfaces only. The spectra ere presented as FIGURES 4-1 to 4-48

at the end of this report.

continuous comparing the reflection spectra of two pigment types, each based on the curve obtained with the same instrument and using the same correction factor, group by group, there is no indication that one type of pigment which has a greater hiding power in the visible range than another pigment necessarily has a greater hiding power in the infrared also. Where there are differences, such as between colored zinc oxide I (Figure 4-9) and colored zinc oxide II (Figure 4-10), these differences might just as well be caused by chemical differences between the two pigments. In the case of iron oxide I (Figure 4-13) and iron oxide II (Figure 4-14), the two pigments have comparable chemical characteristics but have different pigment particle shape (cubical and spheroidal), and the influence of these factors might well influence the spectrum differences as well.

Studying the paints based on different pigments of comparable shade but different visible hiding power, the effective hiding power appears clearly as a difference in the degree to which the paint background (aluminum or black) will show through. The study clearly shows that normal paint thicknesses are quite transparent to different infrared wavelengths. For instance, comparing the intensity of reflection on aluminum at 4.8 microns, zinc oxide I paint (Figure 4-34) has about 50% higher reflectance than zinc oxide II (Figure 4-36). Since this reflection peak is not visible on black, this difference is a result of the difference in hiding power, at least at this wavelength. That is, zinc oxide II has twice the capacity to cover the aluminum as zinc oxide I. Similar calculations show the same to be true on other points of the spectrum.



paints based on the two iron oxides and applied on aluminum. In both investigations, the reflectance at 4.5 microns is approximately 20% lower in the case of Iron Oxide I paint (cubical) than with Iron Oxide II paint (spheroidal). That is, Iron Oxide I has 20% more power to cover the reflection of the aluminum than Iron Oxide II (Figures 4-42 and 4-44). Likewise, Titanium Dioxide I paint at the wavelength of 4.8 microns has in both studies between 20% and 22% more capacity to cover the aluminum than the Colored Titanium Dioxide II (Figures 4-46 and 4-48).

Thus different pigments may be compared by comparing the aluminum coverage of their paints at the same wavelength point, such as 4.8 microns or other specific points. This method of measuring the reflectance, wavelength by wavelength, on a highly reflecting background appears to be a better expression of hiding power than the ratio figure for the visible region. These ratios have been determined up to 15 microns and are shown in FIGURES 4-49 to 4-56. This ratio depends on the presence of lines in the spectrum of the paint either on aluminum or on black, and this causes variations between different curve points; but the curves show that the often expressed assumption of a drop in hiding power before 3 microns is not necessarily true for the rest of the infrared spectrum. The calculated ratio curves of Figures 4-49 to 4-56 show good agreement with independent studies on the transmission of unsupported films prepared from the same paints.

B, TRANSMISSION STUDIES ON UNSUPPORTED PAINT FILMS.

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In order to determine the transmission of a paint film independent
of a supporting base the following method was used:

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1) Each of the paints of Paragraph 4 of the contract the fidin a film thickness of approx. I mil on the gummed surface of brown gummed paper, which was mounted on a glass panel in such a manner that it covered the glass on all sides. In this manner the paint could not run to the uncoated side of the paper.

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2) The paint on the brown paper was then dried in an oven at 50°C. and then at 90°C. for 30 min.
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- 3) The paper was then removed from the glass and cut into strips which were immersed in lukewarm water.
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  4) After the water has penetrated the paper to the film, the film
  loses its adherence to the paper; and the films were then washed free of
  any remaining traces of sum with water and soft cotton.
  - 5) The paint films were then suspended and allowed to dry over night . UNCLASSIFIED
- 6) The film could then be used in tests by attaching it directly to the entrance slit of the monochromator and the transmitted radiation measured.

When the film thickness of 1 mil was used in the tests, the transmission spectra remained so low that it was generally within the limits of error for the instrumentation. In order to get a measurable degree of transmission, other films were prepared using paint which was thinned; and in this manner a very thin paint film was obtained. Since in these thin layers, any difference in film thickness on different points of the film would amount to a considerable percentage of the total film thickness, an attempt was made to apply a second thin coat over the first coat after it had dried. These specimens were marked in the curves as one-coat or two-coat films (Figures T-1 to T-8). Here, also, the two-coat films have a very low transmission; nevertheless, Titanium Dioxide II (Paint #12) had to be



shown as a two-coat film (Figure T-8), since the one-coat here have enough strength to be removed from the gummed paper and handled as an unsupported film.

Generally, it has been found that in testing the paint film in a film thickness of 1 mil, the measurable transmission for the instrument beam is extremely low and remains within the limits of error for the Perkin-Elmer Spectrometer even with the use of the Stupekoff Glower with its high energy. This is in agreement with our attempts to measure the transmission through natural films such as green leaves, grass or bark.

The very thin paint films which were prepared were tested for their transmission and the results were compared with the hiding power curves which had been obtained by calculating the reflection spectra of the same paints in 1 mil thickness ober black and over polished aluminum.

C.COMPARING THE TRANSMISSION AND THE HIDING POWER CURVES.

considerable variation in film thickness and therefore in transmission, the differences in two test runs on two different spots of the film were quite close in this study.

In comparing the transmission curve of Zinc Oxide I (Figure T-1) with the hiding power curve (Figure 4-49) for the same material obtained by determining the ratio of the reflection on black and on aluminum multiplied by 100, the following results were found:

WAVELENGTE	HIDING POVER	TRANSHISSION
3.0 to 5.5 microns	High	Low
5.5 to 6.0 microns	High	Low
Around 9.0 microns	High	Low
Around 12 microns	Low	Increased



The Red Iron Oxide I shows less transmission (Fig. 48)

indicated by the drop in hiding power at around 3.0 microns to 5 microns (Figure 4-53) and again around 12.0 microns. This must be caused by the slightly thicker one-coat film.

The agreement between the calculated hiding power curves (Figures 4-51 and 4-52) and the measured transmission curves for the chrome greens (Figures T-3 and 4) is also close, as shown below:

_	WAVELENGTH	HIDING POWER	TRANSMISSION
	2.0 to 6.0 microns	Low	Increased
	6.5 to 13.0 microns	High	Low
	13 to 15 microns	Low	Increased .

Again the comparison between the hiding power and the transmission curves show how much the transmission reading of such thin films vary with slight variations in film thickness, which can not be controlled at this time.

The Colored Titanium Dioxide I (Figures T-7 and 4-55) shows the following characteristics:

VAVELENGTH	HIDING POWER	TRANSMISSION
3.5 to 7.0 microns	Low	High
13 to 15 microns	High	Low

This manner of agreement between two different and independent methods of determination confirms the finding that the hiding power of these pigments and paints is not of a constant low order, as had often been assumed for the infrared region; and that the hiding power of pigments and paints is definitely a function of wavelength and must be considered for camouflage purposes.



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The following conclusions may be made from the work on the project:

1) A satisfactory instrument together with a method has been developed for the measurement and evaluation of the infrared reflectance of camouflage materials.

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- 2) A new standard for comparing its infrared reflectance with that of diffusely reflecting camouflage materials has been developed. It is a finely divided form of Mu sulfur and is to be present to at least about 30% or more in the test specimen of the finely divided sulfur used. Two sulfurs have been used successfully, one being Flowers of Sulfur (with about 30% Mu form), the other being a vaporized and quenched sulfur (with 85% -93% Mu form).
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  3) The water penetration of camouflage paints of the alkyd and emulsion types is dependent upon the pigment selection and upon the pigment particle shape.

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- 4) Generally the spheroidal, hexagonal and platy pigments showed higher resistance to water penetration than the acicular and cubical shapes.
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  5) The effect of water immersion of 4 to 24 hrs. had very little effect on the reflection spectrum of alkyd resin and of acrylic resin emulsion paints. Only a slight lowering in reflectance was noted after 72 hrs. of immersion.
- 6) The hiding power of camouflage pigments and paints tested is definitely a function of wavelength and must be considered so for camouflage purposes in the infrared to 15 microns.
- 7) No colored point tested eccomplished complete hiding when applied in approx. I mil dry film thickness on a highly reflecting aluminum surface and tested in all infrared wavelengths to 15 microns.

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8) Very low reflectance in the infrared region, especially beyond 3 microns, can be achieved by applying camouflage paints over a black primer which will approach the low reflecting characteristics of most background materials beyond 3 or 4 microns.

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## V. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that UNCLASSIFIED

- 1) The information contained in the reports of this contract be used as a basis for camouflage purposes in the infrared region of the spectrum. UNCLASSIFIED
- 2) Consideration be given to a two-cost system where fessible in order to utilize the transparency in the infrared region of the outer camouflage coating. UNCLASSIFIED
- 3) Primer materials be utilized which combine good rust inhibiting qualities with the desired infrared reflecting characteristics.

## SUPPLIERS

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	SUPPLIER'S DESIGNATION	SUPPLIER
RED SYNTHETIC IRON OXIDE Acicular	#516 derk.	Columbian Carbon Co., Mapico
Spheroidel	#347	Color Division, Trenton, N.J. Same.
Cubical	#110-2	Same.
CHROME GREEN		
I.Vale Green	#A 4444	Imperial Paper and Color Corp. Pigment Color Division Glens Falls, N.Y.
II.Hudson Green	#A-701	Same.
ZINC OXIDE (WHITE)		
Acicular type	XX 601	New Jersey Zinc Co., Palmerton,
Spheroidel type	XX 503	Same.
PLATY WET GROUND MICA	325-mesh	The English Mics Co., Stamford, Conn.
HEXAGONAL ALUMINUM SILICATE ASP 100		Edgar Brothers Company, Metuchen, N.J.
ZINC OXIDE (COLORED)		
I. II.	Y-1784 D-31	ERDL, Fort Belvoir, Ve. Seme.
TITANIUM DIOXIDE (COLORED)  NP 860-15		. PDDT Pant Dalania W.
II.	MP 860-13	ERDL, Fort Belvoir, Ve. Same.
HEXAGONAL WHITE LEAD		National Lead Co., Research Laboratories, Brooklyn, N.Y.
CHROME OXIDE	X 1134	Imperial Paper and Color Corp. Pigment Color Division Glens Falls, N.Y.
VEHICLES USED		
Alkyd resin 55% solids. Rszyl Resin#387		American Cyanamid Co.,

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